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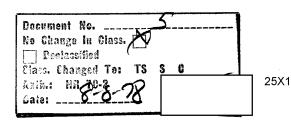
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Although residents of "anol are not convinced of the imminence of a DPV offensive against the city, people coming from DRV-controlled zones say the DRV plans to encircle Panoi by the beginning of 1952. DRV forces will not att-ch the city itself until after that time, however, but will attemmt to cut off the road to Haiphong, while continuing to harass the surrounding French posts.

- Yanv residents of the DRV zones believe that planes are being received from Communist China. DRV propaganda supports this belief by playing up the fact that DRV troops are being trained as pilots in China.
- According to Vietnamese recently arrived from URV zones, the morale of DRV troops is excellent and they are better organized and better trained than ever before. They also state that a large section of the population in DRV zones, heretofore politically apathetic, have become confirmed supporters of the Ho Chi Minh regime. Whereas previously the DRV was forced to resort to conscription of troops, the number of volunteers has substantially increased. This change in attitude has been caused largely by the wandalism of French and "procean soldiers.



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